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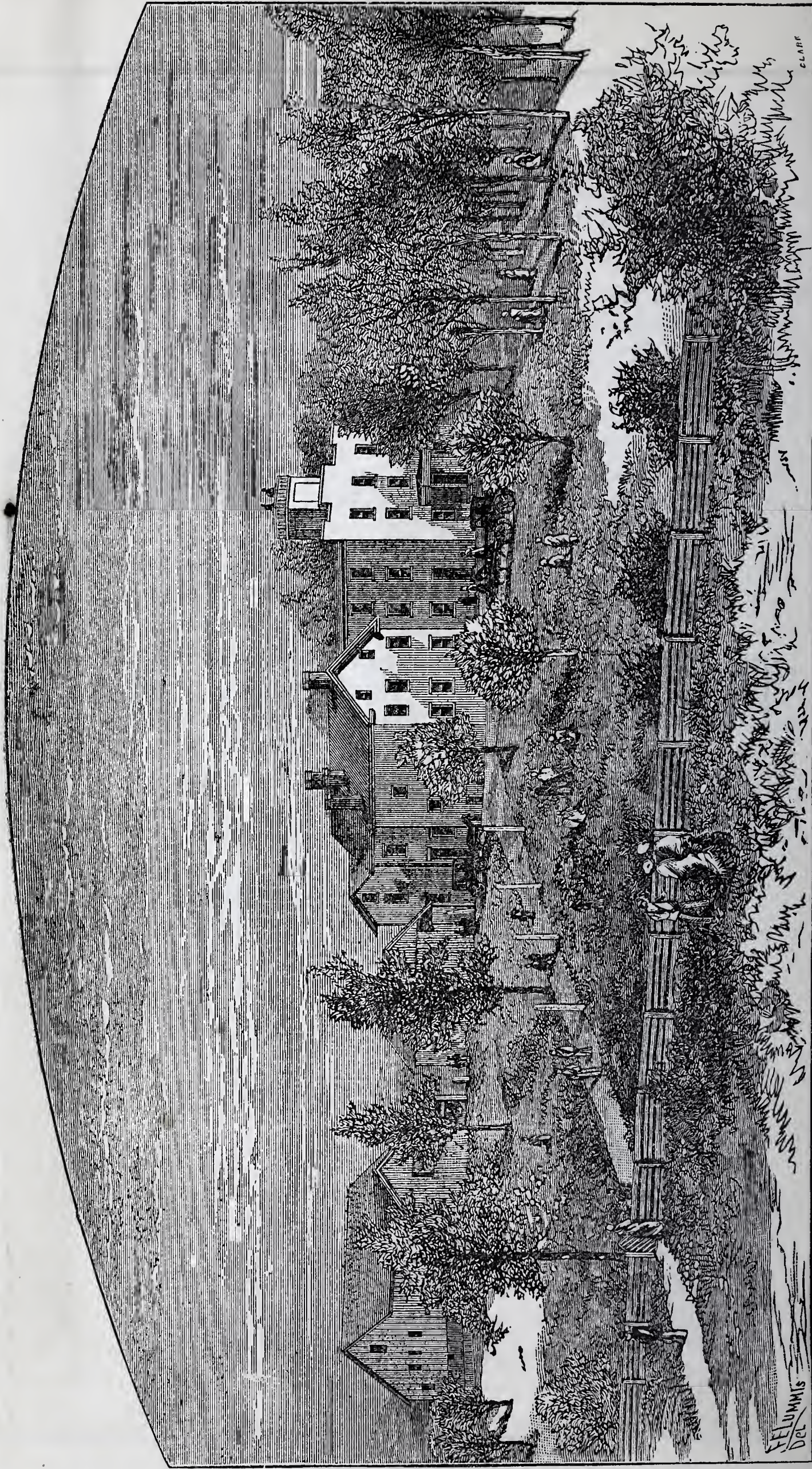
HISTORIC SKETCH
CATALOGUE,
AND
CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
OF
THE TRESSLER ORPHANS' HOME,

OF THE
Evangelical Lutheran Church  General Synod  U. S.

AT
LOYSVILLE, PERRY COUNTY, PA.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD.

HARRISBURG, PA.
1880.



HISTORICAL SKETCH.

In an ancient Syrian town called Edessa, lived an aged man, Ephem Syrus, who established the first hospital. When a sore famine and pestilence had fallen upon the people, this good man came forth from the cell he had entered to meditate on the Divine Word, and calling upon the citizens and especially the opulent for aid, he caused about three hundred beds to be placed in the public porticos of the city, and by unremitting attention to the helpless, the "plague was stayed."

This was the work of Christianity which has the honor of originating Asylums and Homes for the distressed. The love of Him who redeemed this orphaned world has taught it to be a prominent duty of the Christian to care for and visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction; and so the Orphan Houses of Halle and Bristol came to be such blessings. It was the same spirit that established the Tressler Orphans' Home at Loysville, Pa.

The history of this Institution is one of recent events, but it embraces at the same time the story of preparations made by Providence farther back than the Revolutionary war. The brick academy building at Loysville occasioned the suggestion to place an orphan school there, but the occasional services in Sherman's Valley, amid Indian war-hoops and murder, was followed up by pastors from neighboring places until a regular charge, about 1788, was formed, from whose band arose intelligent members such as Col. John Tressler, who built near the Lutheran Church at Loysville the academy which was destined to be the chief part of the Orphans' Home.

To become a Church Orphans' Home, the way was opened by a primary Soldiers' Orphans' School established in 1865 by the late Rev. Prof. D. L. Tressler, then in the legal profession at Bloomfield, who had committed the superintendency to Mr. Wm. Minnich, and for a short time to Mr. G. V. Tressler and then to Rev. J. Kistler. The feeling that a Home for the Orphans of the Lutheran Church should be organized led to more. Rev. P. Willard with Daniel Eppley, Esq., visited this place with a view of examining the property and, if possible, to encourage the enterprise.

It was in the autumn of 1867, after the subject had been canvassed through portions of the Church, that delegates were

appointed to meet from the Synods of East, West and Central Pennsylvania and the Allegheny Synod. These, excepting the delegate from the West Pennsylvania Synod, convened in October at Loysville, and adopted a constitution which was chartered in the Court of Perry County, and so organized the Home for the Orphans of the Lutheran Church, to be in charge of a Board of Delegates or "Trustees," appointed by any Synod of the General Synod. But more than an organization like this was necessary.

The academy building was agreed to be purchased at a meeting of the Board already formed, as early as February 20, 1868. The sum of \$5,000 for the building and its five acres of campus, was agreed upon when, after D. L. Tressler, Esq., had proposed \$500 as a donation, his share of the inheritance in the academy, twenty-five acres of adjacent land were also purchased at \$90 per acre.

This done, the Board appointed at once a Superintendent in the person of Rev. P. Willard, who was instructed to solicit means from the churches for the above purchase, the four Synods above named agreeing at the same time, through the delegates present, to apportion among themselves the amounts necessary for the purchase and other expenses in furnishing the Institution. The Superintendent leased the Home until June 1, 1869, to Mr. P. Bosserman, of Newport, who, in addition to the soldiers' orphans he had for a time kept at the school, agreed, at a certain rate stipulated with the Board, to receive also church orphans.

From this time on the Trustees had regular and special meetings at Loysville, Newport and Harrisburg to devise, in hours of care and trials, ways and means to meet all obligations and to properly establish an institution with which the Church could feel blessed.

When Mr. Willard took charge of the school in the summer of 1869, by his untiring efforts about \$4,000 had been promised for the Home. The number of soldiers' orphans now was eighty, and of church orphans eighteen, and it was suggested by the State department that additional dining rooms should be erected, when the Board at once, at a cost of \$1,107, built a frame structure whose first story is still the commodious dining room, and the second story was fitted for an additional dormitory. The moneys secured, together with the appropriations from the State for its orphans, gave sufficient encouragement to undertake the much needed erection of an excellent barn and also a new two-story kitchen of

brick—having apartments below for cooking, washing and baking, and above for sewing, sleeping and bathing. Cows and horses which are kept, and the grain and vegetables, as also the fruit, have all proved exceedingly valuable.

The annual contributions of the Synods have been small, amounting last year to \$1,258, and from Sunday-schools, \$895. Some Sunday-schools have sent boxes at Christmas times, with candies and toys; churches and individuals have sent boxes of clothing and bedding, so that many comforts of home and holiday joys have been afforded. All these are appreciated; and while the meagreness of the regular contributions may be owing to the fact that the State appropriations and receipts for the support and partial support of some children have been sufficient to help the cause on, yet it is more owing to the deplorable indifference on the part of the Church to "relieve their widows and orphans, so that the Church be not charged" with neglect of the poor orphans.

The work, however, has not been without generous friends. Donations and bequests have been made from the Gratztown Church and by Messrs. David Stewart, George W. Grove, John Acker, David Emmit, Wm. Freas and Mrs. Susan Young, and probably by others. The cause was remembered in the Stroupe estate and in that of Charles A. Morris, of York, Pa., alone by a bequest of \$2,000. Many Sunday-schools contribute regularly and several handsomely remember the cause every year. Through appeals of the Superintendent and by the benevolence of others, gifts of clothing, bedding and the like, have come in, showing that the cause has not been without sympathy.

It is evident that this working leaven augurs better things, and it is hoped that when the State Orphan Laws will cease their support, the Church will do sufficiently toward this charity to continue the work, and even to enlarge it as it so much demands. Besides the deep interest which a number of individuals have taken in the Home, there have been added to the original Charter-Synods, the Maryland, Susquehanna and Pittsburg Synods. The last meeting of the General Synod espoused the cause so earnestly as to urge on the whole Church to aid the Home as its only child of the Orphan Spirit. Since then the Synod of Central Illinois, the Middle Tennessee, Nebraska and Miami (O.) Synods have sent greetings in the form of contributions. The tide is moving favorably.

There has been hard work done, but it has not been unrewarded. The result upon the lives of those orphaned in the homes of our brethren has a record made not by human pen. The anxiety of officers and members of the Board and of the individuals besides, have effected a Home whose property is surpassed by few similar institutions, and whose advantages in other respects of training are of a superior order. The State Department says, "The scholastic instruction is thorough, the best of teachers having been employed." The general management, too, of the Home, must be most difficult when the Superintendent in addition to teaching has correspondence, the care of all the wants of the children, and the oversight of the fruitful gardens and fertile fields; yet it has been so satisfactory that the Board frequently has expressed its gratification in resolutions. The Church owes him and his excellent lady, the general matron of the large establishment, a debt of gratitude for what they have done amid self-denials and labor.

The debt of the Home has been reduced to the amount of about \$1,500 under a kind Providence, by economical management and the spiritual liberality of energy and means. If now the Church but seize upon this its God-given opportunity, there cannot but be a harvest gathered from the otherwise barren field of the fatherless.

This is a "home." Little children whose circle of the natural home has been broken by the Providence of a father resting in the grave the hands that supported them, or even of a mother, too, the last and golden link, are taken here and provided for. Clothing that warms and food that nourishes are not extravagantly supplied, but necessities such as parents now looking back from their rest might only want their dear ones to have. The young minds that might brood over their misfortune are educated for stern and real duties in life's mission; and the heart that might be dimmed by sorrow's tears is led to hope in the God of Providence and the Father whose house is an eternal home. Nor are these bereaved spirits only trained in books for life's business and piety, but they are taught to ply the needle to patch and make the garment which a mother would if she could; meals and bread are made under a matron's instruction; the barn-yard with its chickery and corn-crib, its hay and its straw, and so the meadows and fields, have duties that prepare hands to work on the farm; and an orchard of trees and an arbor of vines aid all these spheres to

make a variety of work that develops the physical strength and induces habits of industry and fitness of adaptation to all future occupations.

Something home-like is in the very surroundings. The campus is laid out in walks and drives, and is studded with fruit and shade trees. The fields and fences bear the appearance of a briskly conducted farm. In the morning air may be heard the songs of worship followed by the still silence of orderly devotion—a silence only broken by the voice leading the prayer and reading God's Holy Word. Many who have gone out to learn trades, or to the farm, to the counter, or enter the office of teaching, bear with them the effect of parental influences and noble habits. The kindly concern for the welfare of these youths follows, too, to the Christian homes where they by the institution may be indentured for a time. From the early bell that wakes the pupils from the strict order and silence of the night, till the sound of evening worship—all seasons, to the little and bigger tow-heads and other heads, nodding in the evening or playing, studying and working in the day, or drilling their company of uniformed soldiers,—all are endearing the place as a "home." Healthful air, amid which but six have fallen victims to death, the birds that sing in the neighboring trees, and a scenery of mountains in whose midst sleeps the little village, drive away one's tears at the sight of those dear children so orphaned.

The moral and spiritual atmosphere is as attractive as the natural. The Bible instructions of the Sabbath and the hours for prayer are steps to the sanctuary where they unite in the services, and after due direction and inquiry unite in the communion. The Home and church amid those hills lend hopes of the temple in the eternal mount.

There is nothing strange or extravagant in all these privileges, but only what is owing to those whom Providence leaves to our care. Did Christians but reflect how negligent most are to obey the voice of God to visit and care for the fatherless in their trials, they would see that they have mostly failed in their duty to this Home; they would recognize the true benefit the work done here is to the Church and to those who in God's appointment are not to go "begging bread." The gifts to this work have been well given, and given to the children and distressed widows of our own brethren in the faith, and will accrue their interest in coffered pearls hereafter, as they have aided in establishing an institution whose blessings scatter seeds in society now.

Is not the theory wrong that we receive only into the Home so long as we have funds carelessly gathered? Is it right when, by the help of little from the many, we could relieve many whom we now every week turn from knocking at our doors, back to their trying distress and want with tears of disappointment? Would that many most worthy could be only received with the assurance that the love of the cause would prompt the necessary means for all such applicants.

The work already done is not unworthy of the preparations of Providence a century ago, on the spot where the Home is to-day located, and where once the terrors of the tomahawk, the scalping knife and fire proved that unchristian society has no security for the helpless. Strange transformation there! But let us still more rear on those embers of death life's altar of protection.

Harrisburg, Pa., Sept. 13, 1880.

L. M. H.

THE CHARTER.

To the Honorable, the Judge of the Common Pleas Court of Perry County, Pennsylvania:

THE PETITION OF THE UNDERSIGNED RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:

That they are citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; that during the present year, A. D. 1867, the Lutheran Synods of Pennsylvania that belong to the General Synod in the United States of America, at their several sessions, determined to purchase jointly appropriate buildings and lands, for the establishment of a home for the maintenance, culture, and education of the orphans of the Lutheran Church; and for the carrying out of this object, appointed your petitioners as Trustees of the several Synods as follows:

REV. P. SAHM,
JACOB CRIST,
Trustees of the Central Synod of Penna.

REV. JEREMIAH FRAZIER,
DAVID K. RAMY,
Trustees of the Allegheny Synod.

REV. P. WILLARD,
HENRY L. HUMMEL,
Trustees of the Synod of East Penna.

REV. J. H. MENGES,
J. CRAVER,
Trustees of West Penna. Synod.

Your petitioners further show, that they are about to purchase the Loysville Academy, located at Loysville, Perry county, Pennsylvania; further, that they have associated themselves together upon articles or a Constitution, a copy of which they herewith submit to your honors. Your petitioners therefore pray your honors to grant them a charter of incorporation, and to make them a body politic in law, under the style and title in the said Constitution set forth, and in accordance with law and the articles herein presented.

HENRY L. HUMMEL,
DAVID K. RAMY,
JEREMIAH FRAZIER,
PETER SAHM,
JACOB CRIST,
P. WILLARD.

We the undersigned, members of the Lutheran Church in Pennsylvania, join in the above petition in asking that a charter of incorporation be granted to the aforesaid Trustees in accordance with the Constitution foregoing.

JOHN MINICH,
JOHN KISTLER,
D. L. TRESSLER,
ANDREW KISTLER.

And now to wit, October 31, A. D. 1867, the accompanying petition having been read to the Court, and the Court, having considered the articles of association to the said petition attached, do order the same to be filed in the Prothonotary's office of Perry County; and further order, that printed notices be given by the Prothonotary in the Perry County *Democrat*, for three successive weeks, of the filing of such articles of association and petition for incorporation.

BY THE COURT.

And now to wit, the sixth of January, A. D. 1868, it appearing to the Court, that notice of the application for said charter of incorporation has been regularly given by the Prothonotary, by advertisement published in the Perry County *Democrat* (a paper printed in said county of Perry), for three weeks previous to this term, according to law, and no reason being shown to the contrary, the Court do decree and declare, that the persons so aforesaid shall, according to the articles and conditions in this instrument set forth and contained, become and be a corporation or body politic; and further direct, that the said charter of incorporation shall be recorded in the Office for the Recording of Deeds of said county of Perry; and on said instrument being so recorded, the persons so associated or meaning to associate, shall, according to the object, articles and conditions in said instrument set forth and contained, become and be a corporation or body politic in law and fact; to have continuance by the name, style and title of the Tressler Orphans' Home of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the General Synod in the United States of America.

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Mr. S. S. Willard.....	June 1, 1869.....	November 1, 1870
Miss Nettie Willard.....	September 1, 1869....	September 1, 1877
Mr. G. W. Weaver.....	November 1, 1870....	September 1, 1872
Mr. L. A. Haffley.....	September 1, 1872....	September 1, 1873
Mr. A. M. Paff.....	September 1, 1873....	September 1, 1874
Mr. Ira Wentzel.....	September 1, 1874....	September 1, 1875
Mr. H. F. Willard.....	September 1, 1875....	September 1, 1876
Miss Hattie Anstadt.....	September 1, 1873....	September 1, 1874
Miss Elsie Berg.....	January 1, 1875.....	January 1, 1876
Mr. S. S. Willard, A. M.....	September 1, 1876....	Present Principal
Miss Bertha Wagonseller.....	September 1, 1877....	January 1, 1878
Mr. Jos. Davis.....	January 1, 1878....	September 1, 1878
Mr. A. L. Frazier.....	September 1, 1878....	March 1, 1880
Mr. O. O. Saylor.....	March 1, 1880.....	September 1, 1880
Miss Maggie Sheeder.....	June 10, 1880.....	September 1, 1880
Mr. Myers.....	September 1, 1880....	Present Time
Miss Clara Keefauver.....	September 1, 1880....	Present Time

NAMES OF ORPHANS.

MALES.

NAMES.	WHERE FROM.	REMARKS.
Arnold, Shelburn M.	Perrysville, Juniata co., Pa.	Laborer.
Arnold, Steward A.	Perrysville, Juniata co., Pa.	Laborer.
Britt, Charles A.	Wheeling, W. Va.	Study'g Ministry Pa. Col
Britt, Helen.	Wheeling, W. Va.	Prepared for teacher.
Britt, Anna.	Wheeling, W. Va.	Yet at the Home.
Blessing, Elmer E.	Harrisburg, Pa.	In care of mother.
Blessing, Charles D.	Harrisburg, Pa.	In care of mother.
Boyer, Wm. G.	Harrisburg, Pa.	Messenger P. R. R.
Boyer, Edgerton.	Harrisburg, Pa.	Yet at the Home.
Boyer, Wm. R.	Schuylkill Haven, Pa.	Yet at the Home.
Bower, John M.	Centre, Perry co., Pa.	Yet at the Home.
Bower, Albert M.	Centre, Perry co., Pa.	Yet at the Home.
Brobst, Harrison F.	Allentown, Lehigh co., Pa.	Yet at the Home.
Brenner, George.	Altoona, Blair co., Pa.	At mother's home.
Coates, David.	Mexico, Juniata co., Pa.	Returned home.
Coates, John.	Mexico, Juniata co., Pa.	Returned home.
Cramer, Benjamin.	Pittsburg, Pa.	Clerking at Pittsburg.
Covert, William.	Sunbury, Pa.	Returned home.
Dunlap, Francis J.	Claysburg, Clearfield co., Pa.	Cabinet maker.
Diehl, Wm. F.	Sunbury, Pa.	Machinist.
Eilenberger, Elmer.	Stone Church, Pa.	Died at the Home.
Eilenberger, Harvey.	Stone Church, Pa.	Died at the Home.
Francis, Newton S.	Harrisburg, Pa.	Printer at Harrisburg.

Francis, Jacob M.....	Harrisburg, Pa.....	Learning printing.
Francis, William.....	Harrisburg, Pa.....	At the Home yet.
Gallagher, Horace....	Lebanon, Pa.....	At tanning—unknown
Gallagher, Francis...	Lebanon, Pa.....	Returned to mother.
Gallagher, Elmer	Lebanon, Pa.....	Returned to mother.
Holley, Joseph D....	Newport, Perry co., Pa.....	Cabinet maker.
Houser, William E....	Sunbury, Pa.....	Run away.
Houser, Charles E....	Sunbury, Pa.....	Run away.
Harlerode, Franklin..	Union Deposit, Pa.....	At machine making.
Irvine, Harry A.....	Milton, Pa.....	Yet at the Home.
Jenkins, John D.....	Hanover, York co., Pa.....	Yet at the Home.
Lansinger, John W....	Littlestown, Pa.....	Teaching at Millersville.
Lansinger, Jacob.....	Littlestown, Pa.....	Run away.
Laubach, Howard....	Easton, Pa.....	Carpet Factory, Phila.
Laubach, Palmer.....	Easton, Pa.....	Learning shoemaking.
Lance, Robert N.....	Hagerstown, Pa.....	Yet at the Home.
Lance, Benj. R.....	Hagerstown, Pa.....	Yet at the Home.
Loy, William.....	Cumberland, Md.....	Returned home.
Miller, Francis.....	Johnstown, Pa.....	Returned home.
McFadden, Wm. H....	Gettysburg, Pa.....	Conductor P. R. R.
Morton, R. A....	Pine Grove Mills, Pa.....	Teaching school.
McClaughlin, C. H....	Shamokin, Pa.....	Returned home.
Newpert, Frederick..	Lewistown, Mifflin co., Pa...	Yet at the Home.
Peters, Charles.....	Sunbury, Pa.....	Yet at the Home.
Reichard, Samuel H..	Gettysburg, Pa.....	Yet at the Home.
Rumberger, Franklin.	Sunbury, Pa.....	Died at the Home.
Reiff, Frank M.....	Williams' Mills, Cumb. co., Pa.	Returned home.
Reese, Wm. H.....	Milton, Pa.....	Yet at the Home.
Reese, Frederick K..	Milton, Pa.....	Yet at the Home.
Son, John.....	Martinsburg, Blair co., Pa...	Once at printing.
Schwartz, Kenton....	Myerstown, Lebanon co., Pa.	Laboring.
Schwartz, Wilson	Myerstown, Lebanon co., Pa.	Baker, Pottsville.
Smith, Levi F.....	Mifflinburg, Pa.....	At his home.
Steigleman, Jacob W.	Carlisle, Pa.....	Yet at the Home.
Smith, Charles E....	Mifflinburg, Pa.....	Returned to his home.
Shunk, John.....	Bellefonte, Pa.....	Yet at the Home.
Shatto, Charles.....	Newport, Perry co., Pa.....	Yet at the Home.
Snyder, Wm. Z.....	Somerset, Somerset co., Pa..	Yet at the Home.
Springer, Ammon....	Selin's Grove, Pa.....	Died, buried at the Home
Shaffer, Harry.....	Selin's Grove, Pa.....	Yet at the Home.
Shaefer, Samuel A....	Andersonburg, Pa.....	Yet at the Home.
Strickland, Wm. S....	Watsonstown, Pa.....	Yet at the Home.
Strickland, Joseph H.	Watsonstown, Pa.....	Yet at the Home.
Wanamaker, John H..	New Jersey.....	Died at the Home.
White, Jeremiah.....	Port Treverton, Snyder co., Pa	Died, buried at the Home
Wetzel, William.....	Landisburg, Pa.....	Yet at the Home.
Weaver Theodore H..	Shamokin, Pa.....	Yet at the Home.

FEMALES.

NAMES.	WHERE FROM.	REMARKS.
Bitting, Emma	Reading, Berks co., Pa.	Housekeeping.
Bower, Maggie M.	Hagerstown, Md.	Yet at the Home.
Canham, Nellie	Allegheny City, Pa.	Yet at the Home.
Cover, Clara F.	Union Deposit, Pa.	Now Mrs. Alonzo Frazer.
Cover, Ella M.	Union Deposit, Pa.	Discharged on age.
Crieger, Matilda	Shamokin, Pa.	Returned home, dec'd.
Dunlap, Jane	Claysburg, Blair co., Pa.	Embick's, Greencastle.
Eilenberger, Ariella	Stone Church, Pa.	Died at the Home.
Eckard, Ellen V.	Uniontown, Md.	Returned home.
Eckard, Mary C.	Uniontown, Md.	Returned home.
Fry, Elizabeth C.	Chambersburg, Pa.	Yet at the Home.
Gallagher, Alice S.	Lebanon, Pa.	Returned home.
Harkelrode, Matilda	Union Deposit, Pa.	Yet at the Home.
Hill, Sarah C.	Sunbury, Pa.	Returned home.
Henling, Flora	Lock Haven, Pa.	Yet at the Home.
Hill, Isabella	Sunbury, Pa.	Discharged, Nov., 1875.
Harman, Mary A.	Hagerstown, Md.	Yet at the Home.
Jumper, Mary E.	New Bloomfield, Pa.	Mantua Maker.
Lance, Charlotte R.	Hagerstown, Md.	Yet at the Home.
Loy, Glennie	Cumberland, Md.	Yet at the Home.
McFadden, Mary M.	Gettysburg, Pa.	Married.
Miller, Annie	Johnstown, Pa.	Returned home.
Peter, Cora Belle	Annville, Lebanon co., Pa.	Returned home.
Poet, Lucy May	Johnstown, Pa.	At Mr. Bringman's, Balt.
Reichard, Caroline B.	Gettysburg, Pa.	Yet at the Home.
Steigleman, Mary F.	Carlisle, Pa.	Returned home.
Steigleman, Sophia	Carlisle, Pa.	Yet at the Home.
Shunk, Elmira C.	Bellefonte, Pa.	Yet at the Home.
Shatto, Minerva	Newport, Perry co., Pa.	Yet at the Home.
Shader, Mary B.	Harrisburg, Pa.	Yet at the Home.
Shaffer, Mary	Selin's Grove, Pa.	Yet at the Home.
Shaefer, Mary Ida	Andersonburg, Pa.	Yet at the Home.
Staily, Mary Ella	Liverpool, Pa.	Yet at the Home.
Weaver, Sarah E.	Shamokin, Pa.	Yet at the Home.

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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

OF THE NAME AND OBJECT OF THIS INSTITUTION.

SEC. 1. This institution shall be known and designated by the name and title of the Tressler Orphans' Home of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the General Synod in the United States of America.

SEC. 2. The object and design of this institution is, and ever shall be, to provide a home for poor orphan children of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and such other poor orphan children as the Board will find the funds to justify; to have their temporal wants supplied; to educate them physically, intellectually, morally and religiously; and to extend over them a wholesome guardianship.

ARTICLE II.

OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ORPHANS' HOME.

SEC. 1. This institution shall be under the control, management and care of a Board of Trustees, who shall be elected by the several Synods which contribute of their funds for the purchasing of the property for the use of the Orphans' Home, and obligate themselves thereafter for its support, according to the provisions in this Constitution.

SEC. 2. The Board of Trustees shall consist of lay and clerical members from any Synod in connection with the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America; provided that they give assurance to the Board, that the Synod or Synods, which they claim to represent, do obligate themselves to contribute a ratable of proportion of money to defray the expenses of the institution.

SEC. 3. Five of the Trustees, representing the several Synods in connection with this institution in the Board, shall at any time constitute a quorum.

SEC. 4. The Board shall choose from the number of its members a Chairman and Secretary, who shall serve for one year, but may be re-elected for any number of successive years; provided the Synod or Synods, whose representative they are, continue them in the Board. The duties of the Chairman shall be to preside over the meetings of the Board, and in connection with the Secretary shall sign all instruments of writing requiring the signature of the Board. The duties of the Secretary shall be to keep a faithful record of all the proceedings of the Board, and of the state of the Orphans' Home in a book provided for the purpose. It shall also be his duty to do all the correspondence of the Board, and sign in connection with the Chairman all instruments of writing requiring the signature of the Board.

SEC. 5. The Treasurer shall also be chosen by the Board, and may or may not be a member of it. He shall however be a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the General Synod in the United States of America. He must be a man of approved reputation. He shall be chosen by the Board annually, but may be re-elected for any number of successive years. It shall be his duty to receive and expend the money of the institution according to the direction of the Board, or by the order of the President in the interim. He shall be required to keep a faithful account of all the moneys received and expended; and he shall also give an accurate report of the condition of the treasury to the Board at every annual meeting, and oftener if the Board require it. The Treasurer's book, report and vouchers shall be subject to a committee annually for examination. The Treasurer shall be required to enter into a bond, with approved security, to the Board of Trustees, for a faithful and honest performance of his trust, to the amount of three thousand dollars, or more, if the Board require it.

ARTICLE III.

OF THE MEETINGS OF THE BOARD.

SEC. 1. The Board of Trustees shall be required to meet annually at the Orphans' Home, for the transaction of business. A special meeting shall at any time be called whenever required by two of the Trustees. All meetings shall be called by the Chairman. Three weeks' previous notice shall be given of every meeting in two of the church papers, in circulation within the bounds and among the members of the Synods belonging to the General Synod in the United States of America, or by the Secretary addressing every Trustee individually. The Board shall always have the power to fill any vacancy that may occur in any of the offices of the institution, except that of Trustee.

ARTICLE IV.

OF SYNODS' REPRESENTATION IN THE BOARD.

SEC. 1. Synods in connection with the Tressler Orphan Home, according to the provisions and regulations of this Constitution, shall have the following representations in the Board of Trustees:

Twelve ordained ministers in a Synod shall entitle it to two Trustees, (one lay and one clerical.) Thirty ordained ministers in a Synod shall entitle it to four Trustees, (two lay and two clerical.) Sixty or more ordained ministers in a Synod shall entitle it to six Trustees, (three lay and three clerical.)

SEC. 2. The funds to be raised and furnished by the several Synods in connection with the Orphans' Home shall be proportioned according to the number of charges in each Synod; and any funds received from persons or sources outside of these Synods, shall in the same manner be accredited.

SEC. 3. The manner in which the Trustees shall be elected, and the number of years they shall serve, shall be at the option of each Synod electing them. Every Trustee shall give satisfactory

evidence of his election and shall be required to subscribe to the Constitution.

SEC. 4. Any Synod or Synods neglecting, or refusing, either to send Trustees to represent them in the Board, or to contribute to the support of the institution in accordance with the specifications of the Constitution for two successive years, shall forfeit thereby their claim, right, and title in the Orphans' Home.

SEC. 5. In case it should so occur, in the course of time and events, that the several Synods, which now hold and may hereafter hold the Tressler Academy property in their possession for the use of an Orphans' Home, as stated in this Constitution, shall cease to have an Orphans' Home kept in the Tressler Academy, then upon that event, or occurrence, the whole property shall become the property of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America, and shall by said Synod be used as an academy for the education of young men and women, under the instruction of teachers of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

ARTICLE V.

OF THE SUPERINTENDENT, TEACHERS AND STEWARD OF THE HOME AND SCHOOL.

SEC. 1. The Superintendent, Teachers and Steward must be members of the Lutheran Church of the General Synod, of good moral and religious character, and all the teachers must present certificates from a county superintendent of schools, and the principal teacher, a No. 1 certificate or a diploma of graduation from some institution of learning.

SEC. 2. The duties of the Superintendent shall be to assist in the instruction of the school; to have the supervision and the management of the Home; to employ the Steward and Teachers; and to provide all necessaries for it according to the instruction and direction of the Board.

SEC. 3. The salaries of the Superintendent and all other persons employed in the institution shall be determined and agreed upon by the Board of Trustees in written contracts.

ARTICLE VI.

OF THE CHILDREN TO BE RECEIVED INTO THE ORPHANS' HOME.

SEC. 1. Application for admission of children into the Home must be made to the Board by reliable persons. The applicant or applicants must make a satisfactory statement of the condition of the children. Poor orphan children only who have no funds, or means of their own, and no available source from which they can obtain means for their support and education, and children of Lutheran families who can in part only pay, and children from any source who pay for their entire support, shall be received into the Home. They must be free from contagious diseases.

SEC. 2. In case any child should prove incorrigible, the Board shall dismiss it from the Home to the applicant or applicants, and if he or they refuse to take the child, then the Board of Trustees shall send it to the House of Correction.

ARTICLE VII.

OF THE EDUCATION OF THE CHILDREN.

The children shall be taught in all the branches of a good and thorough English education. They shall be thoroughly educated in the doctrines of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, as held by the General Synod. And they may, when of a suitable age, and have suitable qualifications, be received as members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church by the ordinance of baptism, or the rite of confirmation.

ARTICLE VIII.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS.

SEC. 1. The Board of Trustees shall have power, at any regular meeting, to enact and adopt such By-laws, not conflicting with this Constitution, or any of its regulations, or provisions, as may be deemed necessary for the government and successful management of the Orphans' Home. Such By-laws shall be binding and obligatory on all whom they may concern, the same as the Constitution, as long as they are not repealed.

SEC. 2. This Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the Trustees. The intention of such alteration or amendment must be announced; and the particular part or parts to be altered or amended must be specifically stated a year previous.

BY-LAWS.

1. It shall be the duty of the Superintendent to write out a full and complete report of the condition and prospects of the Home, together with a detailed account of expenditures, a copy of which is to be presented to the Board of Trustees for their consideration and action at the annual meeting; and another synopsis of this shall be transmitted by the President of the Board to the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States at its regular convention.

2. It shall be the duty of the Superintendent, in connection with the officers of the Board, to present to the respective Synods a report of the proceedings of the Board, with a clear statement of the prospects, wants and claims of the Home. In this report they are to state what amount of money their Synod is required to contribute as a ratable proportion for the support of the institution, according to Sec. 3, Art. 2, of the Constitution.

3. The President of the Board shall be required at every annual meeting, soon after the opening of its session, to appoint an Auditing Committee of three members of the Board, whose duty it shall be to examine the Treasurer's account, vouchers, &c., and in the presentation of the result of their investigation, they shall give a satisfactory statement to the Board of the condition of its treasury and the financial affairs of the Home.

4. In case all the Trustees appointed by any Synod connected with the Home should neglect to attend the meetings of the Board, it shall be the duty of the Secretary to transmit a report of the proceedings of the Board to the President of their Synod, and also inform him of the delinquency of their Trustees.

5. The Board at its annual meeting shall elect from its number an Executive Committee of three, whose duty it shall be to keep up the repairs of the Home, to aid the Superintendent in providing things necessary for it and to receive orphans upon application into the Home during the interval of its meetings. This committee shall have power to approve or disapprove of teachers or other assistants employed by the Superintendent, and shall have discretionary power in all other matters of the Home. It must be seen to that persons promising partial or entire support of children, do enter into legal contracts for such payment.

6. The Executive Committee shall be required to give a written annual report of their doings to the Board.

7. The Board of Trustees alone shall have power to elect and employ the Superintendent.

8. In case the Superintendent should purpose to relinquish his position and to retire from his office, he shall be required to tender his resignation in writing to the President of the Board at least three months before it shall go into effect.

9. In the event the superintendency should become vacant by death, or otherwise, then the President, Secretary and Executive Committee shall have power conjointly to appoint a Superintendent until a new Superintendent can be elected and installed by the Board.

10. Every Superintendent shall be solemnly inaugurated into his office and shall be required to subscribe to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Home.

11. The Superintendent shall not only have the guardian care and supervision of the Home and School, but shall manage and direct the agricultural and horticultural departments connected with the Home.

12. In order to enlarge the field of usefulness of the institution any responsible person, a member of the Lutheran Church, living in the bounds of a Lutheran pastorate, may, by presenting a certificate of worthiness signed by his pastor and two elders, have indentured to him any child of the Home (of whatever age).

The form of indenture shall specify that such child shall have the advantage of the free school at least four months during the year, and such other specifications as the age of the child and the circumstances of the case may demand, shall be made by the Executive Committee together with the Superintendent. Preference shall be given to persons who will teach the children one of the mechanical arts. These children shall be under the supervision of the Board and of the Superintendent, who shall communicate with the pastors—in whose bounds they live—relative to the culture they are receiving, and in case of gross neglect or cruelty to a child, the Superintendent shall, with the consent of the Executive Committee, remove the child to the Home.

Children may be bound out to trades between the ages of fifteen and seventeen years at the discretion of the Board.

13. The lot of ground on the land belonging to the Home, select and set apart for a cemetery, shall be suitably enclosed and kept up by the Executive Committee as a burial place for any of the inmates of the Home who may die.

14. All the children dying in the Home shall be buried in the aforesaid cemetery, unless the friends of the deceased wish to bury elsewhere at their own expense.

15. A Superintendent elected and inaugurated by the Board shall continue in office as long as he faithfully performs his duties and his labors in the institution give satisfaction.

16. It shall be the duty of the Superintendent in connection with the Executive Committee to form and adopt rules for the management and government of the Home and School.

17. The regular Annual Meeting of the Board shall be on the first Tuesday of June. During the afternoon or evening the members shall look into the government and teaching of the children, and acquaint themselves with the entire management of the Home; on Wednesday following at 9 A. M. the regular Business Session shall be opened, and the members return home on Thursday A. M.

18. The order of exercises shall be as follows:

1. Prayer.
2. Reading and Correcting of Minutes.
3. Reception of new members.
4. Election of Officers.
5. Reports of Officers and Committees.
6. Deferred business.
7. New business.
8. Reading and Correcting Minutes of the Session.
9. Adjournment with prayer.